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# RFK Cuba Memoir Sold for \$1 Million

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NEW YORK, Sept. 19— Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's personal memoir of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, found among his papers after his assassination, was sold by his executors today to McCall Corp. for \$1 million.

McCall's magazine will publish the 25,000-word memoir, titled "Thirteen Days," in its issue appearing Oct. 22, on the sixth anniversary of the confrontation with the Soviet Union.

McCall editor-in-chief Norman Cousins, announcing the purchase here, said the manuscript contained "far more information than has previously been published on the thinking and feelings at that time of the President (John F. Kennedy) and Attorney General (Robert Kennedy), the estimates and reports of the CIA, deliberations and interplay of personalities around the National Security Council table, significant secret meetings between the Attorney General and Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin, the contents of the Kennedy-Khrushchev correspondence and the military preparations undertaken by the United States."

Theodore C. Sorensen, who was White House counsel at the time and who has written his own memoir of the Kennedy Administration, negotiated the sale on behalf of the Senator's estate. Sorensen also said there is much hitherto unpublished information in the memoir.

Apparently no state secrets are involved, however. Sorensen said that former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, former Assistant Secretary of State Fred Dutton and himself had determined that Government security clearance of the manuscript prior to its publication was unnecessary.

According to Sorensen, Sen. Kennedy dictated his memoir into a tape recorder about a year ago, working from diaries and other detailed records.

At the time, Kennedy felt that publication would be inappropriate. Sorensen reported. The decision to publish now was made by the three executors of the Senator's estate—Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, Sen. Edward Kennedy and Mrs. Patricia Kennedy Lawford.

Major magazines and publishing houses were invited to bid on the manuscript last week. Sorensen said the bidding process was designed "to maximize the income to an estate with 11 minor children." Book publication and a possible motion picture are in prospect later.

The publishing contract gives the Kennedy estate the power of approval over "appropriate and tasteful standards" in advertising copy, excerpts for serialization and other details. This was intended to avoid the sort of literary battle that erupted when the Kennedy family objected to parts of William Manchester's book on the John F. Kennedy assassination, "Death of a President."

## Senate Urged to Back Treaty on Astronauts

Associated Press

The Johnson Administration appealed yesterday for Senate approval in this session of Congress of a treaty providing for the rescue and return of any astronauts downed in a foreign country.

The request was submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by representatives of the State and Defense Departments and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The treaty, signed formally last April 22 in Moscow, London and Washington, already has been ratified by the Soviet Union, the official news agency Tass reported. The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet took the action Tuesday, a Tass editor said.

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